



Detail / Temporary Promotion Information

Opening Date: April 28, 2011

Closing Date: May 12, 2011

Position: Position Title: North Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer (Operations)
Location: Kaibab NF- North Kaibab RD, Fredonia, Arizona
Grade Level: GS-0462-10/11

Entrance On
Duty Date: June 6, 2011

Brief Statement of Duties/Description of Detail:

For the spring and summer season of 2011, the North Zone Fire Management Office is seeking a highly motivated individual to detail for 90-120 days as the GS-0462-10/11 North Zone AFMO (Operations). This announcement is for USFS employees who wish to be considered for a temporary promotion or detail opportunity of 90-120 days; only USFS applicants will be considered. The tentative start date is June 6, 2011 but is negotiable. Ending date may change if position is filled and/or incumbent begins employment.

This is a detail or a temporary promotion opportunity NTE 120 Days. A detail is a temporary assignment of an employee to a different position for a specified period, with the employee returning to his/her regular duties at the end of the assignment. While on detail, the employee continues to hold his/her official position from which detailed and keeps the same status and grade. Applicants who are eligible for a temporary promotion are encouraged to apply. Applicants who would like to qualify for a temporary promotion must have one year of specialized experience equivalent at the next grade below their target grade. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. During this detail or temporary promotion, salary, travel and per diem will be paid by the North Kaibab.

The incumbent of this position must be very involved in USFS and NPS Interagency business. The incumbent of this position will supervise one GS-9 Fire Operations Specialist (NPS Employee) located at the North Rim Station, two GS-8 Type III Engine Captains/Station Managers (Jacob Lake Station & Big Springs Station, FS Employees), one WG-10 Fire Equipment Operator, one WG-5 Dozer Swamper, and one Cache Manager.

The incumbent proactively engages with North Zone FMO, North Zone Fuels Specialist and the budget staffs to make informed decisions, and to efficiently manage the annual budget authorization. The incumbent will be expected to be the North Zone Fire Duty Officer when available and as qualifications allow. S/he may participate in zone aerial reconnaissance as availability and experience allows. S/he may act as the Zone FMO during the FMO's

absence. The incumbent will be responsible for following the preparedness plan and maintaining staffing levels. S/he will coordinate with other Fire Duty Officers to manage resources.

North Zone Fire Management Information:

The Fire Management Program at the North Kaibab RD is a diverse and complex program that manages fire and fuels through prescribed fire, manual thinning, managing unplanned ignitions for resource benefit, and suppression. The Fire Management Program at the North Kaibab RD works under an Interagency Agreement between the Kaibab National Forest- North Kaibab Ranger District and Grand Canyon National Park- North Rim, as the North Zone Interagency Fire Management Program. The North Zone Fire Management staff is supervised by an Interagency Fire Management Officer, an Interagency Assistant Fire Management Officer and an Interagency Fuels Specialist. The District's fire/fuels management program includes managing wildfires for multiple objectives and prescribed fire (5,000 to 10,000 acres annually) activities. Since 2001 Grand Canyon has treated approximately 30,000 acres with prescribed fire and over 40,000 acres with unplanned ignitions managed for resource benefit. During the peak of the fire season, the North Zone Fire Management Program employs roughly 50 firefighters.

Kaibab National Forest:

The Kaibab National Forest is part of the largest contiguous ponderosa pine forest in North America. The forest consists of three districts totaling 1.6 million acres that border both the north and south rims of the Grand Canyon. Wildlife is abundant and includes elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, turkey, coyote, black bear and mountain lion. Spanning from north-central Arizona to the Utah border, the Kaibab National Forest offers breathtaking views, unusual geologic formations, diverse recreation and more.

Vegetation varies by elevation. The lowest point on the forest is 3,500 feet in the southwest corner and the highest is 10,418 feet at the summit of Kendrick Peak. Near desert-like conditions exist at the lower canyon elevations, changing to pinyon-juniper woodlands, the ponderosa pine belt and mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce and aspen as the elevation rises.

North Kaibab Ranger District / North Rim- Grand Canyon NP

The North Kaibab Ranger District program areas include forest and rangeland vegetation management, fire/fuels, wildlife, recreation, wilderness and heritage resource management. The district is home to the largest number of northern goshawks in the lower 48 states, a bison herd, California condors, the Kaibab squirrel and a renowned mule deer population, among other wildlife. Key recreation areas on the district include Saddle Mountain and Kanab Creek Wildernesses, the 18-mile Rainbow Rim Trail along the edge of Grand Canyon, and the Great Western and Arizona Trails.

The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is known worldwide for its spectacular beauty and its remote location in Northern Arizona. The fuels on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and the North Kaibab Ranger District include ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, spruce/fir, and pinyon-juniper. The North Rim is located approximately 75 miles from Kanab, UT, approximately 225 miles from Flagstaff, AZ and approximately 150 miles from Saint George, UT. Elevations on the Kaibab Plateau range between 5000 feet to above 8500 feet. The North Rim Developed area has limited services.

The Local Community

The area is rural in character with full-service communities nearby. The North Kaibab Ranger Station is located in Fredonia, Arizona. Fredonia's population is approximately 1,500, with K-12 schools, a post office, churches, several small motels, gas stations and in some years a restaurant. Kanab, Utah, seven miles north of Fredonia, has

approximately 5,000 residents. It offers K-12 schools, a post office, two grocery stores, several motels and restaurants, a nine-hole golf course, a movie theatre, a playhouse, a hospital, a number of churches, miscellaneous retail stores, and a community chorus and orchestra.

Larger communities such as Page, Arizona (90 miles east) and St. George, Utah (80 miles west) offer additional shopping, larger medical facilities, malls and commercial airports for smaller aircraft. Federal land management agencies and Native American tribes play a prominent role in the area. The district is bordered by Grand Canyon National Park to the south, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (BLM) to the east, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (BLM) and Zion National Park to the north, and the Arizona Strip (BLM) to the west. The Kaibab Band of Paiutes reservation is located just west of Fredonia.

Climate depends on elevation. Summers are generally sunny and hot, ranging from average highs of 90 to 100 degrees in Fredonia, Kanab and the lower red rock elevations, to a delightful 70 to 80 degrees in the higher elevations of the forest. The southwestern monsoon season delivers summer thunderstorms and rain from early July through early September. Winters are mild at the lower elevations (4700 feet) in our communities, with highs in the 30s and 40s, and lows in the teens and 20s. Higher elevations on the forest often see four or more feet of snow. Government housing is available. Additionally, rental houses and apartments are available in Fredonia and Kanab ranging from \$500 to \$1,000/month.

<http://kanab.utah.gov/>

<http://www.fredoniaarizona.com/>

To Apply:

1. For more information about this detail or temporary promotion assignment, please contact Edward Hiatt, North Zone FMO at 928-643-8101 or email erhiatt@fs.fed.us reference North Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer in the subject line.
2. Interested individuals should discuss the opportunity with their first-line supervisor and obtain concurrence from their District Ranger prior to applying.
3. Once approval is gained, interested individuals should submit a resume detailing work history, educational background, specialized experience, and any special qualifications they might possess. Applicants must provide a copy of their Master Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) record. Resumes and Master IQCS records should be submitted by electronic mail to: erhiatt@fs.fed.us , no later than May 5, 2011.